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My family and I have been operating a small 18-acre farm (plums, peaches, and nectarines) for about 30 years. It is sad to say that the entire farming industry has been hit with ever increasing regulations year after year.

I'm appalled by the misguided mentality of the proponents of proposal 13. It is not very often that you find business within an industry that will seek to implement laws that control how their competitors'

operate. Proposal 13 mandates volume control by limiting and restricting a farmer's freedom to determine what is best for marketing his product. Under proposal 13, small farmers like me will have submit to the wishes of authors of bad regulation.

A handful of growers are backing proposal 13 to compensate for their own lack of hard work or marketing performance. There is nothing unsafe about the fruit they target; they just want to add another regulation as a form of a "crap shoot" in hopes of reducing supply and benefiting from the false increase in market prices.

I am against proposal 13 and I urge all people within the public, business, and especially the farm community to do the same. Let farmers decide how they run their own farms-not a regulation-hungry few who look to "control" as the answer.